

## DR. CURRY'S SPLENDID SERMON AT TABERNACLE

LARGE CONGREGATIONS PRESENT AT BOTH SERVICES.

"Wisdom Hath Builded Her House, She Has Hewn Out Seven Pillars," Was Subject.

Vast audiences were present Sunday morning and evening to hear the opening exercises of the University commencement. The faculty had invited Dr. Curry, of Memphis, to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon, and the members of the Student Y. M. C. A., learning that Dr. Curry was one of the most popular clergymen that had ever officiated in Gainesville, also extended to him an invitation to deliver the annual address before them. The enormous congregations proved how delighted the people of Gainesville were to have an opportunity of hearing Dr. Curry again.

Both services were held in the Tabernacle. In the morning the enormous auditorium was packed; in the evening there were but few vacant seats.

The exercises of the morning began with a chorus, "Come Into Our Hearts and Abide," well rendered by the young ladies of the Gainesville High School. This chorus did credit to the teaching of Miss Titman, of the High School. The violin obligato was by Prof. Woitz. The invocation was by Dr. Sledd, after which the quartet and chorus choir, with Miss Fennell at the piano, led the congregation in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Dr. Curry then read selections from the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and from the third chapter of Proverbs. After the prayer which followed the reading of the Scripture, the High School chorus sang an exquisite response. This was followed by a tenor solo well rendered by Mr. Maddox. After this the congregation and choir sang "Come, Thou Almighty King!" Announcements of the other commencement exercises were then made by Dr. Sledd, after which he introduced Dr. A. B. Curry.

Dr. Curry, after expressing his pleasure at seeing so many of his old friends, took as his text the first verse from the ninth chapter of Proverbs: "Wisdom hath builded her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars." He drew a clear and epigrammatic distinction between wisdom and knowledge. A man may be full of knowledge and yet have no wisdom; he may be learned, and yet unwise. Knowledge is of man, wisdom comes from God. Knowledge is but the acquisition of facts, wisdom is the ability to apply facts. Wisdom is the power to discern the best ends and apply the best means to attain them. It is one of the most precious and valuable gifts of God; its force is above riches, and its gain above silver and gold. If men rightly understood the value of wisdom, they would make greater efforts to attain it than to acquire the wealth of this world.

Then the speaker gave a vivid description of the structure of an Oriental house with its supporting pillars and interior court. This building to be perfect and fit for the use of mankind must be strong and beautiful. In the figurative language of the East, seven is a perfect number, and the seven pillars of the building show that it is perfect.

Then, with apt scriptural quotations, he drew a likeness between men and a building: "Know ye not ye are the temple of God." "When man is right, when his character is rightly constructed, he is the noblest building in creation, far surpassing Solomon's temple and the Temple of Dana of Ephesus. And it is true of some men that wisdom has built in them. I want you to study the characters of the good man, the seven-pillar man.

"The first of these pillars is Physical Perfection. No man is independent of his body and although many great men have been weak physically, their greatness was in spite of this." With many illustrations the preacher showed what influence an engaging physical appearance had had in the careers of many of the world's leaders. Strong, comely, graceful, beautiful bodies are a God-given source of power. This is warrant enough for college athletics. As far as athletics

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develops a man, it is not only allowable but necessary.

"The second pillar is Intelligence. A man may be physically perfect and yet nothing more than a powerful brute. One may be great in spite of a weak body, but one cannot be great with weak intelligence, and although a man without education may accomplish much, with education he will accomplish more. Of the men mentioned in "Who's Who?" only two-fifths of one per cent were absolutely self-made; only ten per cent had merely a common school education; sixteen per cent had a high school course; seventy-four per cent were college-bred. According to this a college education increases a high school boy's chance of success nine times, the chances of a boy with a common school training two hundred and nineteen times, of an illiterate boy eight hundred times. This shows the value of a college training in increasing the efficiency and happiness of its students. I charge you to recognize one of wisdom's necessary pillars.

"The third pillar is Virtue. The first two pillars increase a man's power, but they may increase it for evil, they may make him a curse to society." The lives of Joseph, of Solomon, of Asaph, of Aaron Burr, of Charles S. Parnell, were alluded to in order to show how necessary this pillar is in building the house. To be truly successful, to accomplish good, to build a house strong and beautiful, the pillar of virtue is essential; otherwise the building will go down in shame.

"The fourth pillar is Resolution or Will-power. Without this a man is like a rudderless boat; with it he is like a great Atlantic liner safely making the destined port. The greatest trouble with many young men is that they lack a clear-cut purpose, and have no aim in life but the pursuit of pleasure. They build houses without a plan, they sail vessels without a chart or course. Form a purpose, then bring in your will-power.

"The fifth pillar is Hope. This is one of the greatest factors in a man's success; without it continued effort is impossible. A man can fight for a forlorn hope, but there must be hope of some kind. Hell is Hell, because over its main portal is written, 'Let him who enters here leave Hope behind.' Lack of hope paralyzes all human effort; all great achievements have hope as their guiding star. Do not be pessimistic, do not lose hope; be optimistic. Do not look at the hole in the doughnut—look at the encircling ring.

The sixth pillar is Love for our Fellow-Men. Without this no character is strong or beautiful. The greatest of African explorers was David Livingstone. His purpose was not to increase British territory, not

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE NEWBERRY SCHOOL

WAS AN OLD-FASHIONED "SCHOOL EXHIBITION."

Institution Has Accomplished Good Work, and Prof. Kean Will Be Asked to Remain.

The closing exercises of the Newberry High School took place on Thursday and Friday of last week. It was an old-fashioned "school exhibition." The school auditorium could not hold the audience, and a large brush arbor and stage was built on the outside. The pupils all acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

Both evenings were taken up with drills, pantomimes and comedies. The last number on Friday evening was "From Pumpkin Swamp," which, in all of its thirty years' presentation at school entertainments, has never been better presented than by the school pupils of Newberry.

This has been one of the most successful years in the history of the Newberry school. The school has been raised from a rural graded school to a junior high school, the enrollment has made a gain of twenty-five per cent and the average attendance has increased proportionately. A large petition has been circulated, with not only the names of the patrons but a number of the most influential citizens of the town, requesting Prof. A. D. Kean, the principal of the school, to remain another year.

to exploit the resources of the country, not to hurt or seek adventure; his motive was love, he was seeking to heal the open sore of the world."

Dr. Curry here introduced a striking contrast between George Washington and Napoleon Bonaparte: the one prompted by selfish ambition, the other moved by tender, unselfish patriotism and disinterested love for the American people. We cannot rise to the greatest heights without this love. The human greatness of Jesus of Nazareth was due to his love for the common people.

"The seventh pillar is Faith in God. This brings man into contact with the source of all good. This will regulate all his other good qualities; this will bring him into harmony with God. No creature can ignore his creator and succeed—in the end he must fail. No man is truly great until linked through faith to the eternal God. What have men of no faith accomplished? Nothing! There is not one single government founded on atheism; it takes men of faith to found a government. Moses, Isaiah, David, Augustine, Columbanus, Calvin, Knox, Luther, Cromwell, Lee, Jackson—all these were men of faith. Faith alone makes men able to bring things to pass."

Then the speaker introduced a sharp contrast of the great Duke of Malborough with John Wesley. Today the latter has 13,000,000 followers, and many millions more are ready to do him reverence.

"Emerson wrote 'Hitch your wagon to a star.' I say 'Hitch your wagon to the throne of God through a living faith. May Wisdom's house be your house, perfect in strength and beauty."

The congregation then sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and was dismissed by Dr. Curry with the benediction.

## ALL WHEELS STOPPED ON GEORGIA RAILROAD

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operated out. The incoming train due shortly after eleven reached here after four in the afternoon.

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